

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mailing machine comprising:

a base unit;

a cover secured to the base unit; and

a well formed in the cover, the well including at least one stop device provided on a rim of the well and extending into the well;

a rotating portion disposed in the well, the rotating portion including a plurality of tabs around a perimeter of the rotating portion that extend from the rotating portion, the tabs contacting a top surface of the well, the rotating portion being supported in the well by the tabs, at least one tab contacting the at least one stop device in the well to restrict rotation of the rotating portion within the well; and

a docking station secured to the rotating portion associated with the cover, the docking station adapted to secure a user controller and couple the user controller to the mailing machine, the rotating portion being rotatable within the well to reposition the docking station being repositionable with respect to the cover such that the user controller secured to the docking station can be positioned in a plurality of different positions with respect to the mailing machine.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 12, wherein the well is integrally molded with the cover.

- 4-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 12, wherein the docking station further comprises:

a first connector to mate with corresponding connector of the^a user controller;
and

a second connector coupled to the first connector, the second connector to mate with a cable from the mailing machine.

7. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 6, wherein the rotating portion further comprises:

at least one cam for guiding the^a user controller during insertion of the^a user controller into the docking station.

8. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 7, wherein the at least one cam includes an inclined guiding portion, the inclined portion contacting a portion of the^a user controller to force the user controller downward as it is being inserted into the docking station.

9. (Original) The mailing machine of claim 7, wherein the at least one cam is integrally molded with the rotating portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 7, wherein the rotating portion further comprises:

a tongue portion having a lip, the tongue portion mating with a corresponding groove in the^a user controller, the lip mating with a corresponding channel in the groove.

11. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 6, wherein the rotating portion further comprises:

a locking tab passing through an opening in the rotating portion, the locking tab projecting into a corresponding opening in ~~the~~^a user controller when ~~the~~^a user controller is inserted into the docking station to secure the user controller.

12. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 11, wherein the rotating portion further comprises:

a release mechanism coupled to the locking tab, the release mechanism when activated causing the locking tab to descend through the opening in the rotating portion thereby releasing ~~the~~^a user controller secured to the docking station.

13. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim ~~12~~, wherein the docking station is rotatable in a first plane and pivotable in a second plane.

14-26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) A mailing machine comprising:

a cover;

a slot in the cover extending along a portion of the cover; and

an interface board adapted to slide within in the slot, the interface board including a docking station for mounting a user controller,

wherein ~~the~~^a user controller inserted into the docking station can be moved by sliding the interface board within the slot to position the user controller in a plurality of different positions with respect to the mailing machine.

28. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 27, wherein the docking station includes a connector to mate with a corresponding connector on the user controller, and the interface board includes a pair of cams to guide ~~the~~^a user controller being inserted into the docking station by pushing down on the user controller to align the connector on the docking station with the corresponding connector on the user controller.

29. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 27, wherein the slot includes at least one~~a~~ curved portion.

30. (Currently Amended) The mailing machine of claim 29, wherein when ~~the~~a user controller is positioned within the curved portion of the slot, a face of the user controller will be rotated with respect to the mailing machine.

31. (Original) The mailing machine of claim 27, wherein the interface board can be rotated as well as slid within the slot.

32. (New) The mailing machine of claim 29, wherein the slot extends substantially from a first end of the cover located near an input end of the mailing machine to a second end of the cover located near an output end of the mailing machine, and the at least one curved portion includes a curved portion near each end of the slot.

33. (New) The mailing machine of claim 27, further comprising:

a bracket securing the interface board within the slot, and

a channel secured beneath the cover, the channel adapted to receive the bracket, the bracket sliding along the channel to move the docking station along the slot.